**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please rewrite** the paragraph at page 1, line 21, through page 2, line 6, so that it reads as follows:

Being operated unmanned and for 24 hours, the coin laundries have the convenience of allowing anyone to use them freely. On the other hand, they sometimes suffer from damages due to ~~robbery~~ robbery, in which the coins and bills ~~collecting~~ collected inside the managing units are forcibly taken out during time zones such as mid-night and early morning when there are few users. In many of such events, coins and bills are taken not only by breaking the managing units so as to take the coins and bills ~~collecting inside~~ collected inside, but also by destroying the bodies of the washing machines and dryers together with the managing units. Accordingly, the equipment damage amounts to a huge loss in the current circumstances.

**Please rewrite** the paragraph at page 2, lines 19-24, so that it reads as follows:

However, in either case, that is, in the case of unmanned stores provided with laundry machines together with vending machines or in the case of manned stores functioning as convenience stores, the existence of a large amount of money in the stores (laundries) is not favorable in terms of prevention of stealing and robbery.

**Please rewrite** the paragraph at page 11, lines 11-14, so that it reads as follows:

In the laundry system according to this embodiment, the DTC, the circuit control unit 2, the techno-center's server 3, the carrier's server 4 and the bank computer 5 are

interconnected with one another by a communication circuit or network such as the Internet.

**Please rewrite** the paragraph at page 16, line 15 through page 17, line 4, so that it reads as follows:

Each machine in the laundry (a washing machine and a dryer) is provided with a control part 41 including a microcomputer and a memory 42. The operation part 20 (or 30) described referring to Figs. 10 and 12 above is connected to the control part 41. As mentioned above, the operation part 20 (or 30) is provided with the ready-to-drive lamp 21 (or 31), the display part 22 (or the display part 32 and course indicating lamps 33), and a key matrix 40 including the operation key, the determination key, the cancellation key, and cursor keys. In addition, various kinds of sensors 43 (or 44) for detecting the operational status of the laundry machine direct signals to the control part 41. The control part 41 drives a load drive circuit 45 (or 46) based on the signals from the operation part 20 (or 30) and the signals from the various kinds of sensors 43 (or 44).

**Please rewrite** the paragraph at page 17, line 20 through page 18, line 10, so that it reads as follows:

Figs. 15A and 15B are flow charts illustrating a controlling procedure of the mobile phone 10. In the mobile phone 10, the initial screen (the screen in Fig. 3) is first displayed on the display 11 (step S1). When the menu key 12 is pressed with the initial screen being displayed (Yes at step S2), the processing proceeds to a step S4. When

another input by a key other than the menu key 12 is done (No at step S2), another processing (step S3) will be carried out. When the menu key 12 is pressed, the "mobile menu" page in Fig. 4 appears on the display 11 (step S4). After the cursor keys 14 are operated, whether the determination key 13 has been pressed or not is judged (step S5). When the response in the step S5 is positive, whether the "5. Laundry" has been selected or not is checked(step S6). When the response in the step S6 is negative, a processing selected from among other processing options listed in the mobile menu will be carried out (step S7).

**Please rewrite** the paragraph at page 18, lines 15-24, so that it reads as follows:

Upon the input of the password, the mobile phone 10 is connected to the techno-center 3 through the circuit control unit 2 (step S10) so that the password and the number of the mobile phone (that is, the customer's ID) are transmitted by, for example, packet communication. In response to this transmission, correspondence of the password to the customer's ID is checked based on the data registered in the master files of individual customers (step S11). When the password is verified (step S12), the screen in Fig. 6 is displayed (step S13). When the password is erroneous, the screen returns to the page in Fig. 4.

**Please rewrite** the paragraph at page 21, lines 12-21, so that it reads as follows:

When the data received from the store are not a cancellation response but a time for drying (Yes at step S49), the drying time is to be converted into a dryer operation charge (step S50). When the data received is a washing time (No at step S49), the

washing time is converted into a washing machine operation charge (step S51). Then the circuit is disconnected (step S52). Subsequently, the system accesses the master files of customers with the mobile phone number (customer's ID) as an index so as to add the operation charge of this time, thereby updating a column of equipment usage rate in the master files of customers (step S53).

**Please rewrite** the paragraph at page 26, line 23, through page 27, line 5, so that it reads as follows:

When no password input has been done by the numeric keys 26 in the step S85, and instead, the cancellation key 25 has been pressed to command cancellation (step S92), or when no operation time input has been done in step S88 while input by the cancellation key 25 has been done (step S93), the operation stop (Indication 4 in Fig. 11) is shown on the display part 32 and the ready-to-drive lamp 21 is turned off (step ~~S95~~ S94), while the cancellation response is transmitted to the DTC (step S95).

**Please rewrite** the paragraph at page 34, lines 12-20, so that it reads as follows:

With the password having been inputted, the mobile phone is connected to the techno-center 3 via the circuit control unit 2 by the interface 66 (step P10) so that the password and the number of the mobile phone 100 (customer's ID) are transmitted to the techno-center 3 by means of, for example, packet communication. As has been already discussed above, the techno-center 3 judges the validity of the password by referring to the password and the mobile phone number (customer's ID), and responds to the mobile phone 100 (step P11).

**Please rewrite** the paragraph at page 34, lines 21-24, so that it reads as follows:

When the mobile phone 100 finds the data received from the techno-center 3 meaning that the password is incorrect (No at step P11), it changes the screen on the display 11 to that in Fig. 4, which means the procedure returns to the step P4.

**Please rewrite** the paragraph at page 35, lines 8-11, so that it reads as follows:

When "1. Use the laundry" has been selected, the display 11 turns to show the "Use the laundry" page in Fig. 7 (step P17), ~~when~~ and then the phone 100 waits until a laundry store number is inputted (step P18).

**Please rewrite** the paragraph at page 36, lines 2-9, so that it reads as follows:

When the corresponding machine is possible to drive, the display 11 shows the page in Fig. 32 (step P24). An operation time is then inputted by the numeric keys 15, ~~when~~ and then the phone waits until the determination key 13 is pressed (step P25). Subsequently, by the radio data transceiving interface 100a for Bluetooth ™, the mobile phone 100 is wireless-connected to the corresponding machine so as to transmit the inputted operation time (step P26).

**Please rewrite** the paragraph at page 37, lines 10-20, so that it reads as follows:

On the other hand, when the machine is ready to drive, the machine indicating lamp 81 provided in the display part 80 of the machine starts flashing (step P44), and a ready-to-drive response is transmitted to the mobile phone 100 (step P45). After that, the

dryer waits until an operation time is received from the mobile phone 100 (step P46), and then judges whether the operation time is within a range permitting the operation of the machine (step P47). In cases where the operation time is extremely long, for example, as long as "900 minutes," it judges that the operation is impossible, and transmits the unable-to-drive response to the mobile phone 100 (step P41).

**Please rewrite** the paragraph at page 43, lines 17-23, so that it reads as follows:

Meanwhile, in this embodiment, although the store 110 is assumed to be a manned facility, it may also be unmanned. In that case, the goods displayed in the store are tagged for protection against ~~steeling.~~ stealing. As for the goods that have been inputted in the cash register 104, the system may be arranged such that their tags for protection against steeling are nullified so that the alarm will not set off when they are brought outside the store.

**Please rewrite** the paragraph at page 45, line 18 through page 46, line 1, so that it reads as follows:

When a key for requesting permission to unload the laundry is pressed (Fig. 42A), the indicator 74 displays a ~~massage,~~ message, for example, "Machine No. 8 is waiting for unloading of laundry" (Fig. 42B). When the machine selection key is additionally pressed, the number of another machine waiting for unloading of the laundry appears (Fig. 42C). When requesting unloading of the laundry to the machine displayed, the customer presses the key for requesting permission to unload the laundry. Then, the message on the indicator 74 turns to the one in Fig. 42D.

**Please rewrite** the paragraph at page 46, line 19 through page 47, line 3, so that it reads as follows:

Fig. 44 is a flow chart showing a controlling procedure of the mobile phone 100. When the circuit is connected (step T1), whether the connection is from the techno-center 3 or not is determined (step T2). When the connection is from the techno-center 3, whether a completion notice has been received or not is judged (step T3). With the completion notice having been received, the display 11 displays the screen in Fig. 40. That is, a ~~massage~~ message reading, "Washing has been completed.", is displayed on the display 11. Also, a voice message may be used for the completion notice instead of the character message.

**Please rewrite** the paragraph at page 49, lines 13-16, so that it reads as follows:

When the received response is a permission response, the message in Fig. ~~43E~~ 43A is displayed (step T33) so that the prohibition flag of the corresponding machine is cleared (step T34). Then, the circuit is disconnected (step T38).

**Please rewrite** the paragraph at page 49, lines 17-22, so that it reads as follows:

On the contrary, when the response is a prohibition response, the message in Fig. ~~43F~~ 43B is displayed (step T35) and the prohibition flag of the corresponding machine is set (step T36). Then, a suspension time counter of the corresponding machine is started (step T37) and the circuit is disconnected (step T38).